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Chief, Personnel Branch
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Subject: Your 7 August 1986 Letter to the DCI

Thanks for the subject letter. I envy anyone who can deliver so many intriguing ideas on a continuing basis. May your well never run dry.

I understand that of my staff has arranged a meeting between you and the Director, OTS, which hopefully will clear up some of the mystery surrounding the suggestion you queried the DCI about.

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Let us know if we can be of further assistance.

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7 August 1986

The Honorable William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

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I am very impressed with the Excellence Program within the Agency. I have been sending ideas to the Suggestion Award Committee for many years and have maintained a listing of the suggestions/ideas. The reason for maintaining the listing is that many of them are in fact inventions, especially the technical ideas. Many of the technical ones were rejected because of the state-of-the-art at the time they were submitted. Ideas and suggestions have turned into a hobby with me. I even have long listings of ideas I plan to submit in the future when I find the time to write and develop them. If you find any of the enclosed ideas of any interest to you in your Excellence Program, I have copies of all of them.

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I, in turn, have a request of you. The first suggestion, [redacted] was submitted in 1963. In 1967 I received an award of [redacted] from the idea. At the time I was told that the suggestion was very sensitive in nature and could not be disclosed to anyone. My wife, who knew of the idea, and I were debriefed by the Office of Security several times because of the sensitivity. I was told two things about the idea: 1) "If I actually built what I suggested, it would be worth a fortune," and 2) "They will probably build a division around the idea." After almost 20 years of saying nothing nor hearing anything about the idea, I would like to know what happened to my idea and why this extreme sensitivity. Any information you would provide me would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Personnel Branch
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